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Content – the paper should include:

Abstract

- A developed paragraph (about ½ page) which summarizes your paper's content, including your thesis/ argument assertion
- Use 3rd person, and summarize the content rather than "announce" what the paper does

Introduction

- identifies your narrowed, focused controversial issue topic
 - establishes that the issue is complex, problematic, and significant
 - states the paper's argument/ thesis assertion
- note:** You do not need to take a completely "pro" or "con" position on the issue, but your argument assertion/ thesis needs to be clear.

Body Paragraphs

- Use a classical organizational pattern or alternate effective organization
 - Present and support your position
 - Provide transitions where appropriate for the flow of your argument
 - Summarize opposing views. The summary must be complete and fair.
- **note:** The opposition section can stand alone or be combined it with the next section.
- Respond to opposing views. This section includes refutations of opposing views and/or concessions to strong reasons presented by the opposition (use qualifiers?)
- Be aware of warrants and unstated assertions – provide backing where appropriate
- Write the paper in objective, 3rd person point of view, even though you are presenting your position (no "I" or "you").
- Cite sources (see required number and kinds above) per APA parenthetical guidelines.
- Although you will not use rhetorical triangle or Toulmin terminology within your paper, the theories should be applied to your argument.
- You are no longer reviewing sources in this paper – your reader can assume that they are credible/ reliable – so no explanations are needed within the text of your paper which refer to the sources themselves.

Conclusion

- reaffirms the argument/ persuasive point and brings your essay to closure
- leaves a strong final impression (perhaps call for action or relate to a larger context)

References Page

- See above for required sources
- Follow APA standards
- All sources cited in the paper need entries on the References page, listed in alphabetical order, and all sources with entries on the References page need to be cited in the paper.

- Read your paper holistically for unity, coherence, and flow.
- Check for effective sentence structures, phrasing, and word choice.
- Check for transitional words and phrases.
- Proofread and edit your paper.

Due—See the Course Calendar for due dates for draft, final paper, submission through Bb, and for last acceptance date with late penalty

Note: Grading/ evaluation for this paper will be discussed in class, and a rubric provided.

Note: See the Course Syllabus for policies related to this assignment

- academic integrity policy
- late submission policy
- course grading policy